

Sri B. P. KADAM.—I have no supplementaries.

Allegations against the Municipal President of Pandavapura.

Q.—2. Sri B. Y. NEELE GOWDA (Pandavapura).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether it is a fact it was brought to the notice of the Department of Efficiency Audit alleging that the Municipal President of Pandavapura had collected money by way of entertainment tax from one “Karnataka Amusement Party” in the year 1955 by misusing the Office Seal;

(b) if so, the action taken;

(c) whether it is a fact that the file is kept back in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Mandya;

(d) if so, since how long and the reasons therefor?

A.—Sri R. CHENNIGARAMIAH (Minister for Local Self-Government).—

(a) Yes.

(b) Investigations were taken up by the staff of the Efficiency Audit Department and the Deputy Commissioner, Mandya District.

(c) No.

(d) Does not arise in view of reply to (c).

Sri B. Y. NEELE GOWDA.—May I know whether the investigation by the Department of Efficiency Audit is complete?

Sri R. CHENNIGARAMIAH.—It has been completed, Sir.

Sri B. Y. NEELE GOWDA.—May I know the findings of the Department?

Sri R. CHENNIGARAMIAH.—The findings of the Department cannot be disclosed at this stage.

Sri B. Y. NEELE GOWDA.—May I know whether a copy of the report was sent to the Deputy Commissioner for necessary action?

Sri R. CHENNIGARAMIAH.—Yes, sir.

Sri B. Y. NEELE GOWDA.—My question is whether it is not a fact

that the Department of Efficiency Audit has sent a final report to the Deputy Commissioner for necessary action?

Sri R. CHENNIGARAMIAH.—The Report of the Anti-corruption Department has not been sent to the Deputy Commissioner; but, on the points raised by the Efficiency Audit, the Deputy Commissioner has been asked to make enquiries and report.

Sri B. Y. NEELE GOWDA.—When was he asked to report?

Sri R. CHENNIGARAMIAH.—It was done long ago but we have not yet received the report.

Sri B. Y. NEELE GOWDA.—May I know the reason for the delay?

Sri R. CHENNIGARAMIAH.—I cannot say the reason for the delay.

Sri B. Y. NEELE GOWDA.—I want to know definitely the reason for the delay. I know it has been kept back in the office of the Deputy Commissioner.

Sri R. CHENNIGARAMIAH.—That was not kept back in the office of the Deputy Commissioner. After receiving the report of the Anti-Corruption Department, the Deputy Commissioner was asked to make enquiries and obtain the explanation of the person concerned and report the matter to Government. That has been delayed.

Sri B. Y. NEELE GOWDA.—The delay has been admitted by Government. But I want to know the reason for the delay.

Sri R. CHENNIGARAMIAH.—The answer has been given to the question.

Sri B. Y. NEELE GOWDA.—Is it not a fact that the report was sent to the Deputy Commissioner one year back?

Sri R. CHENNIGARAMIAH.—Yes.

Sri B. Y. NEELE GOWDA.—May I know the reason why the file is pending for more than a year?

Sri R. CHENNIGARAMIAH.—We will know the reason after we receive the final report of the Deputy Commissioner.

Sri B. Y. NEELE GOWDA.—I have put a definite question that it has been kept back in the office of the Deputy Commissioner. Was it not the duty of the Government to ascertain whether it was a fact and the reasons therefor?

Sri R. CHENNIGARAMIAH.—The Government have thrice reminded the Deputy Commissioner to send the report early. We have not yet received the report. We will again issue another reminder and get the report early.

Sri B. Y. NEELE GOWDA.—May I know whether collecting the tax is not an offence under the Entertainment Tax Act?

Mr. SPEAKER.—The Act is there; you interpretation need not be put on the Act.

Sri B. Y. NEELE GOWDA.—Misusing the power is one thing; but I want to know whether it is not a criminal offence to collect the tax.

Sri R. CHENNIGARAMIAH.—I cannot state definitely at this stage.

Sri H. V. KOUJALGI.—May I know whether the President who is collecting the amount in this way is depositing it in the Municipal account or is he keeping it personally?

Sri R. CHENNIGARAMIAH.—He has subsequently deposited the amount with the Municipal account.

Sri H. V. KOUJALGI.—How much time elapsed, Sir, between the collection of the amount and its transfer to the Municipal account?

Sri R. CHENNIGARAMIAH.—I think it was after a lapse of two or three months.

Sri H. V. KOUJALGI.—What is the amount collected, Sir?

Sri R. CHENNIGARAMIAH.—The amounts are: Rs. 30-4-0, Rs. 41-10-8 and Rs. 62-8-0.

Sri H. V. KOUJALGI.—Did he deposit the amount in the Municipal fund after or before an application was made against him?

Sri R. CHENNIGARAMIAH.—Notice please.

Sri M. PALANIYAPPAN.—When was the Efficiency Audit Report received by the Government?

Sri R. CHENNIGARAMIAH.—It was received by the Government nearly an year ago.

Sri M. PALANIYAPPAN.—I want the exact date, Sir?

Mr. SPEAKER.—Notice may be given.

Sri M. PALANIYAPPAN.—May I know, Sir, whether Government made a reference to the Deputy Commissioner

after or before the Efficiency Audit Report was received by them?

Sri R. CHENNIGARAMIAH.—After the report was received.

Sri M. PALANIYAPPAN.—Is it on file that comments from the Deputy Commissioner have been called for on the Efficiency Audit Report?

Sri R. CHENNIGARAMIAH.—Yes, Sir.

Sri M. PALANIYAPPAN.—Is it the normal practice of Government to refer such reports to the Deputy Commissioner? was any such case referred to the Deputy Commissioner after the receipt of a report and framing of charges?

Sri R. CHENNIGARAMIAH.—It has not been admitted that charges are being framed by the Efficiency Audit.

Sri H. S. METGUD.—May I know, Sir, whether the President collected the amount personally or authorised his staff to do so?

Sri R. CHENNIGARAMIAH.—The President did not collect the amount personally.

Sri H. S. METGUD.—Was the amount kept with the President or the staff?

Sri R. CHENNIGARAMIAH.—The position is this. Instead of affixing the entertainment stamp he simply put the seal of the Municipal Office on the tickets and then authorised the authorities to collect the tax, which was collected. That was the objection raised.

Mr. SPEAKER.—But with whom was the money before it was credited to the Municipality?

Sri R. CHENNIGARAMIAH.—It was with the President.

Sri B. Y. NEELE GOWDA.—May I know whether the President has the power to use his seal and collect entertainment tax?

Sri R. CHENNIGARAMIAH.—That question is being examined and I do not want to say anything at this stage.

Sri B. Y. NEELE GOWDA.—I wish to know whether the Act permits such a procedure?

Sri R. CHENNIGARAMIAH.—No. It does not permit.

ಶ್ರೀ ಯು. ಎಂ. ಮಾದಪ್ಪ.—ಈ ತನಿಖೆ ನಡೆಯುವಾಗ ಇಷ್ಟೊಂದು ಚರ್ಚೆ ನಡೆಯುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಅವಕಾಶ ಕೊಟ್ಟರೆ ಪಾರ್ಟಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಅನನುಕೂಲವಾಗುವುದಿಲ್ಲವೇ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಆರ್. ಚನ್ನಿಗರಾಮಯ್ಯ.—ಯಾವ ಪಾರ್ಲಿಮೆಂಟರಿ ಡೆಲೆಗೇಷನ್ ಅನುಸರಿಸಲಾಗುತ್ತದೆ ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಯು. ಎಂ. ಮಾದಪ್ಪ.—ಪ್ರೆಸಿಡೆಂಟ್ ವಿಷಯ ದಲ್ಲ ಇನ್ನೂ ನ್ಯಾಯ ಇತ್ಯರ್ಥವಾಗದೆ ಇರುವಾಗ ಚರ್ಚೆಗೆ ಅವಕಾಶ ಕೊಡುವುದು ಕಾನೂನು ಬದ್ಧವಾಗಿ ಸರಿಯಲ್ಲ ಅಲ್ಲವೇ ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಆರ್. ಚನ್ನಿಗರಾಮಯ್ಯ.—ಈಗ ಮಾಡಿರುವ ಚರ್ಚೆಯಿಂದ ಅಪಾಯವೇನೂ ಇಲ್ಲ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಯು. ಎಂ. ಮಾದಪ್ಪ.—ಮುಂದುವರಿಸಿದರೆ ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಆರ್. ಚನ್ನಿಗರಾಮಯ್ಯ.—ಮುಂದುವರಿಸಿದರೂ ಅಪಾಯವಿಲ್ಲ.

Visit of Parliamentary Delegation on Co-operation to Coorg.

Q.—49. Sri P. M. NANAMAIAH (Ponnampet Nad).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) whether it is a fact that a Parliamentary Delegation on Co-operation visited Coorg ;

(b) if so, when did they visit ;

(c) the number of days they stayed in Coorg ;

(d) the object of their visit ;

(e) the number of co-operative institutions that were visited by them ;

(f) the institutions that were visited by them (the names of the institutions may kindly be furnished) ;

(g) whether they met any of the non-official co-operators in Coorg ;

(h) if so, whom they have met (the names of the non-official co-operators that they have met may be furnished) ?

A.—Sri A. BHEEMAPPA NAIK (Minister for Co-operation).—

(a) Yes.

(b) On 26th November 1956.

(c) Stayed one night.

(d) To study the Co-operative Movement and to have a first-hand knowledge about the working of co-operative societies in Mysore State.

(e) Five.

(f) (1) Kushalnagar Co-operative Rural Bank,

(2) Cardamom Marketing Society, Bhagamandala,

(3) Honey Producers' Society, Ltd., Bhagamandala,

(4) Marketing Society, Mercara, and

(5) Coorg State Co-operative Bank, Mercara.

(g) Yes.

(h) They met the non-official co-operators of the Rural Societies they visited. Information regarding the names of the non-official co-operators whom the delegation met in Coorg is not readily available.

Sri P. M. NANAMAIAH.—I have no supplementaries.

Budget Grants and Expenditure under Civil Engineering, Electrical Division in Shimoga District.

Q.—27. Sri MALLIKARJUNAPPA GOWDA (Sorab-Shikaripur).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) the places in Shimoga District where Civil Engineering Divisions under the control of the Electrical Department are located from the years 1953-54 to 1955-56 ;

(b) the amount provided in the budget under different heads for each of the divisions during the said years ;

(c) the expenditure incurred towards works such as buildings, etc., in different years ;

(d) the amount spent towards salary, travelling allowance, etc., of the establishment in connection with the above works in different years ;

(e) the percentage difference in the rates between the works undertaken by the Public Works Department and the works undertaken by this department ?

A.—Sri H. K. VEERANNA GOWDH (Minister for Public Works).—

(a) At Jog.

(b) Rs. 6.96 lakhs for all the years commencing from 1953-54 to 1955-56.

(c) On Works.—	Rs.
1953-54	4,33,283
1954-55	4,62,477
1955-56	4,99,304

On Surveys.—	
1953-54	99,773
1954-55	42,490
1955-56	41,922